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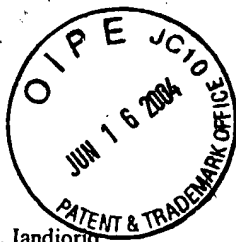
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Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, enclosed are an Information Disclosure Citation in an Application, Form PTO-A820, listing one hundred two (102) references, and copies of twenty three (23) references.

Please note that reference JP 59-500065 corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 4,572,284, the latter of which is in English and is provided. JP 62-01085 corresponds to European Patent Application 0605085A1, the latter of which is in English and is provided. Additionally, for JP 62-241692 an English translation of claims 1 and 2 is provided. For JP 63-93587, an English translation of claims 1-5 is provided. Also, reference JP 58-132339 discloses a tube with holes, the tube rotatable about its own axis.

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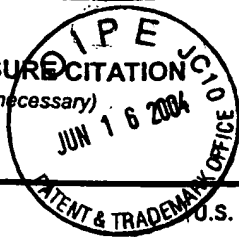
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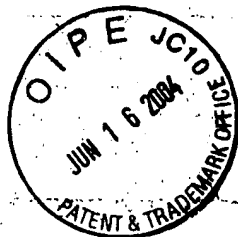
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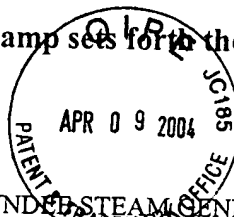
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